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MEDIA BUREAU ANNOUNCES COMMENT AND REPLY COMMENT DATES FOR THE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING REGARDING REVIEW OF THE COMMISSION'S PROGRAM ACCESS RULES AND EXAMINATION OF PROGRAMMING TYING ARRANGEMENTS

**MB DOCKET NO. 07-198** 

Comment Date: November 30, 2007

Reply Comment Date: December 17, 2007

On October 1, 2007, the Commission released a *Notice of Proposed Rule Making* ("NPRM") on revisions to the Commission's program access and retransmission consent rules and whether it may be appropriate to preclude the practice of programmers to tie desired programming with undesired programming. The NPRM set deadlines for filing comments and reply comments at 30 and 45 days after publication in the *Federal Register*.<sup>2</sup>

On October 31, 2007, the *NPRM* was published in the Federal Register.<sup>3</sup> Accordingly, comments must be filed on or before November 30, 2007 and reply comments must be filed on or before December 17, 2007. Commenters should follow the filing instructions provided in paragraphs 138 through 142 of the *NPRM*.<sup>4</sup> The *NPRM* is also available on the Commission's website.<sup>5</sup>

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>See Review of the Commission's Program Access Rules and Examination of Programming Tying Arrangements, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, MB Docket No. 07-198, FCC No. 07-169 (rel. October 1, 2007) ("NPRM").

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> *Id*. at 1.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> 72 FR 61590 (October 31, 2007).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> See NPRM at ¶¶ 138-142.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> See http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs\_public/attachmatch/FCC-07-169A1.doc.